

§ 51.2850

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§ 51.2850 Diameter.

Diameter means the greatest dimension measured at right angles to a straight line running from the stem to the root.

§ 51.2851 Badly misshapen.

Badly misshapen means that the onion is so misshapen that its appearance is seriously affected.

§ 51.2852 Serious damage.

Serious damage means any specific defect described in this section; or any equally objectionable variation of any one of these defects, any other defect, or any combination of defects, which seriously detracts from the appearance, or the edible or marketing quality of the onions. The following specific defects shall be considered as serious damage:

(a) Watery scales when more than the equivalent of two entire outer fleshy scales are affected by an off-colored, water-soaked condition. The off-color must be of some shade of brown or yellow;

(b) Dirt, staining or other foreign matter when more than 25 percent of the onions in a lot are badly stained. Onions with adhering dirt or other foreign matter shall be judged on the same basis as stained onions;

(c) Seedstems when more than ½ inch in diameter;

(d) Sprouts when the visible length is more than ½ inch;

(e) Mechanical when any cut extends deeper than two fleshy scales, or when cuts seriously damage the appearance of the onion; and,

(f) Dry sunken areas when extending deeper than one fleshy scale, or when affecting an area equivalent to that of a circle 1 inch in diameter on an onion 2¾ inches in diameter, or correspondingly lesser or greater areas on smaller or larger onions.

§ 51.2853 One type.

One type means that the onions are within the same general color category.

METRIC CONVERSION TABLE

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Inches	Millimeters (mm)
1/8	3.2
1/4	6.4
3/8	9.5
1/2	12.7
5/8	15.9
3/4	19.1
7/8	22.2
1	25.4
1 1/4	31.8
1 1/2	38.1
1 3/4	44.5
2	50.8
2 1/2	63.5
2 3/4	69.9
3	76.2
3 1/2	88.9
4	101.6

**Subpart—United States Standards
for Grades of Apricots**

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GRADES

§ 51.2925 U.S. No. 1.

“U.S. No. 1” shall consist of apricots of one variety which are mature but not soft, overripe, or shriveled and which are well formed, free from decay, cuts, skin breaks, and worm holes and free from damage caused by limbrubs, russetting, growth cracks, dirt, scab, scale, hail, bruises, disease, insects, or mechanical or other means. For tolerances see § 51.2928.

§ 51.2926 U.S. No. 2.

“U.S. No. 2” shall consist of apricots of one variety which are mature but not soft, overripe or shriveled and which are free from decay, cuts, skin breaks, and worm holes and free from serious damage caused by limbrubs, growth cracks, dirt, scale, hail, bruises, disease, insects, or mechanical or other means. For tolerances see § 51.2928.

MARKING AND PACKING REQUIREMENTS

§ 51.2927 Marking and packing requirements.

The minimum size or numerical count of the apricots in any package shall be plainly labeled, stenciled, or otherwise marked on the package.

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(a) *Numerical count.* When the numerical count is used the fruit in any sample shall not vary more than one-fourth inch in diameter. See §51.2928(b) Size for tolerances.

(b) *Minimum size.* “Minimum size” refers to the diameter of the smallest apricot in the package. It shall be stated in terms of whole and eighth inches, as 1½ inches min., 1⅞ inches min., etc., in accordance with the facts.

TOLERANCES

§51.2928 Tolerances.

In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling the following tolerances are provided as specified:

(a) *Defects*—(1) *U.S. No. 1 grade.* Not more than 10 percent, by count, of any lot may be below the requirements of this grade and provided that not more than 5 percent, shall be allowed for defects causing serious damage and further provided that not more than 1 percent, shall be allowed for decay.

(2) *U.S. No. 2 grade.* Not more than 10 percent, by count, of any lot may be below the requirements of this grade, and not more than 1 percent shall be allowed for decay.

(b) *Size.* (1) If packages are marked with numerical count: Not more than 10 percent of the samples in a lot may fail the one-quarter inch variation requirement designated in §51.2927 paragraph (a).

(2) If packages are marked with minimum size: Not more than 10 percent, by count, of the apricots in any sample may be below the minimum size specified.

APPLICATION OF TOLERANCES

§51.2929 Application of tolerances.

Individual samples are subject to the following limitations: Provided, that the averages for the entire lot are within the tolerances specified for the grade.

(a) For a tolerance of 10 percent or more; individual samples in any lot may contain not more than one and one-half times the tolerance specified, except that 1 decayed or 1 seriously damaged specimen may be permitted in any sample.

(b) For a tolerance of less than 10 percent, individual samples in any lot may contain not more than double the tolerance specified, except that 1 decayed specimen may be permitted in any sample.

DEFINITIONS

§51.2930 Mature.

Mature means having reached the stage of development which will insure a proper completion of the ripening process.

§51.2931 Well-formed.

Well-formed means having the shape characteristic of the variety.

§51.2932 Damage.

Damage means any specific defect defined in this section; or an equally objectionable variation of any one of these defects, any other defect, or a combination of defects, which materially detracts from the appearance, or the edible or shipping quality of the apricot. The dimensions given for these defects are based on an apricot with a diameter of 1⅞ inches (4.8 cm). Correspondingly larger or smaller dimensions are allowed on larger or smaller apricots. The following specific defects shall be considered as damage:

(a) *Growth Cracks* which are unhealed or when well healed and over three-eighths of an inch (9.5 mm) in length.

(b) *Limbrubs* which are smooth and shallow and are more than one-fourth inch (6.4 mm) in diameter.

(c) *Russetting* which is reddish to brown in color and exceeds 10 percent of the surface or thick, rough, and very dark and exceeds 5 percent of the surface.

(d) *Dirt* including spray residue appearing to the extent that it is readily apparent.

(e) *Scab* spots when cracked or aggregating more than three-eighths inch (9.5 mm) in diameter.

(f) *Scale* occurring as scale insects, scale marks, or similar marks which are heavily concentrated or are scattered and aggregating more than one-fourth inch (6.3 mm) in diameter.